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MEMORANDUM FOR: THE DIRECTOR

Subject: IAC Meeting 18 March

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25X1A 1. A Standing Committee meeting is scheduled for Monday to discuss the ~~Program~~ Program on International Communism. We have already talked this over with Mr. Babbitt so we are going to try to arrange for a permanent ~~Committee~~ Committee somewhat along the lines of the permanent MIS Committee to handle this subject which is of interest primarily to OIR-State and ORE-CIA. The FBI and OSO will also be in on it and, if they wish, NME representatives, at any rate, when this subject which is so largely political concerns their military activities.

2. At this Standing Committee Meeting we shall inquire if the Standing Committee thinks it can accomplish anything by having a meeting on the two items scheduled for the IAC Meeting on the 18th.

3. As you know, the meetings of the Standing Committee during the past year of its existence have proved almost one hundred percent useless, since after the Standing Committee meetings the IAC Members themselves have in practically all instances disapproved of or disavowed the work done in the Standing Committee. We think it is complete loss of time, but shall keep trying.

4. Especially, with regard to Medical Intelligence we doubt if the Standing Committee can accomplish anything since this matter has come from the top down. We assume that the IAC Members will not agree one hundred percent with the Secretary of Defense — especially since we think the memorandum from the Secretary of Defense on this subject is poorly drafted. My guess is that after the IAC Meeting, the Standing Committee may be called upon to draft some sort of an agreement on Medical Intelligence which may eventually develop into a centralized service; but I doubt very much if anything can be done about it at this very early stage, especially since there is scheduled to be a change of Secretary of Defense this month. A heartening sign, however, is that the intelligence agencies realize that since the war there is a great dearth of Medical Intelligence, but how far they are prepared to go to correct this remains to be seen. We wish to point out and urge that you support a representative of the U.S. Public Health Service in the Medical Intelligence program. If the field of Medical Intelligence is going to be effectively exploited, it is an absolute must to include the U. S. Public Health Service in the program. Quite a while back when ~~was~~ was working on this project a representative from the U.S.P.H.S. attended and was a valuable addition to all of the ad hoc committee meetings held to discuss the project. They have a wealth of material in their files, have people in the field abroad, and have always worked in close liaison with the

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Army and Navy medical corps (especially the Surgeon Generals office). They are also very cooperative.

5. With regard to the Air Force's Atomic Energy Study, I doubt if anything can be done by the Standing Committee since I assume that some of them, at any rate, are not even cleared to handle the enclosure with General Moore's memorandum.

6. Dr. Machle is reading over this enclosure and is already somewhat familiar with it through his oral contacts in the Air Force. He thinks that he should be present at the IAC Meeting when this is discussed so that he can receive guidance from the IAC Members and give them information on the subject. He thinks it is better to do this orally rather than by memorandum through you, at least in the initial stages on this subject.

1. Will you tell Dr. Machle the time and place of the IAC Meeting, or do you wish us to do that?
2. Do you want to have [REDACTED] at that meeting also?
3. Will you clear the room of all people who are not cleared for this subject or will it be discussed merely in general terms?

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